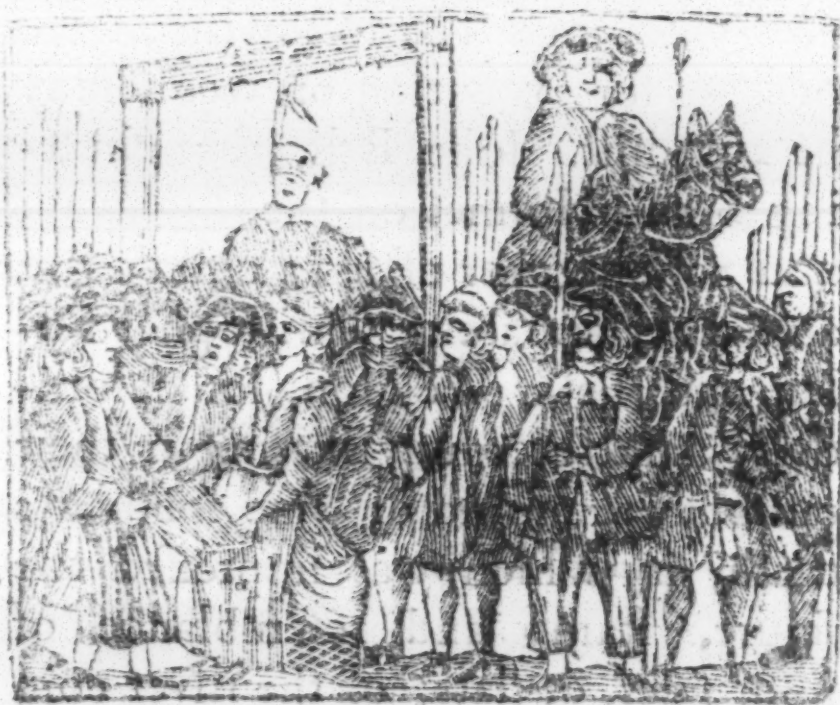


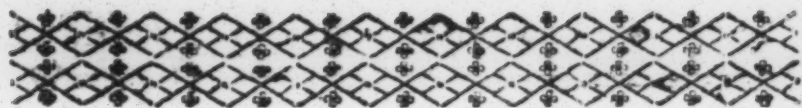
A Genuine  
NARRATIVE,  
OF THE  
MALEFACTORS

Who was Executed this Day at  
Tyburn.

With the Copy of a Letter that P. Weldon,  
sent to his Wife the Day before his Exe-  
cution.



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## NARRATIVE,

**O**N Wednesday, May the 12th 1779, the report was made to his Majesty, of the convicts under sentence of death in Newgate, and the following were ordered for execution on wednesday the 26th inst. John Bell, for assaulting Sarah Holmes on the highway, and robbing her of 4s. a child's jam and other apparel. Christopher Foley and Peter Welldon, for feloniously and traterously having in their custody a mould of fine founder's earth, in which was impressed the figure, stamp and resemblance of both sides, or flats, of the silver coin of this realm called sixpences, and

other implements for the purpose of coining.

Christopher Foley and Peter Weldon were indicted for feloniously and traiterously making, forging, and counterfeiting a piece of false, feigned and couterfeit money and coin, to the likeness and similitude of the good and lawful money of this realm called a fin-pence, against the duty of their allegiance, against the king's peace. and against the forms of the statute.

Foley was Respited during pleasure.

Christopher Foley, aged 61 years, was born at St James's, Clerkenwell, of crediable parents, who gave him a good education, and when he was aerived to the age of fourteen, they put him apprentice to a jeweller, with whom he servad his time, with the greatest faithfulness, fidelity, and truth, and continued to work so- his master several years after the expiration of his time, and



maintained the character of an industrious, and ingenious man, after some short space of time, he married the daughter of one Mr. Smith, silver-smith, and entered on business for himself on his own account, which he carried on but a few years, through misfortunes in trade ; a large family, and other unforeseen misfortunes in life ; which compelled him to forsake his business, as a master, and commenced journeyman ; which he followed for a long time, with unblemished industry & assiduity ; at length habituating himself into bad company, (the sure source of evil) he became acquainted with Weldon, who had carried on this iniquitous employment for some years unconvicted, though at the same time with most surprising (fatal, if we may be allowed the expression) success ; till at length justice, the sure overfather of all iniquitous proceedings, brought him

to trial, to conviction, and was to suffer the unhappy shameful and ignominious death, which the too mild laws of this country inflict on such offenders. who violate its only support, (justice and honesty in all our dealings. For we are told in holy record, that he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in reproach; what pity is it that men who have in their youthful days studied to bear the most revivè emblem of a man (a good character) and have lived in good credit and reputation; should be so lost to all the pure sensations, of honour, honesty, and even their own reputation to enter on a plan so certainly destructive and fatal.

From this reflection let young and old equally remember that wise and good proverb, that honesty is the best policy, without which, and not having the remembrance of the sufferings of our blessed Jesus for our manifold sins and

wickedness constantly restore our eyes, no man shall see the Lord. Let all then carry ourselves with uprightness to all men, rendering every man his due, and tread in that path which purely leads to everlasting happiness and eternal joy.

The above unfortunate man is very much deformed, when he walked in the streets one of his hands generally rested on one of his knees.

Peter Weldon, was about forty-six years of age, was born in a small Village near Bermingham, his parents was but in low circumstances, which obliged them to turn him into the world very young. When Mr. Ford Buckle-maker of Bermingham took notice of him, and bound him apprentice to him, for the term of nine years, which he faithfully served, and maintained a good character till his unhappy death

John Bell was indicted for robbing Sarah the wife of Jos. Holmes,



on the highway, and putting her in fear of her life, and stealing from her a snuff-box, val 1d. a child's linen jamb value 12d. a linen apron value 6d. and 4s. in money, the property of the said Jos. Holmes.

John Bell, about thirty six years of age, was born in the parish of St. Lukes, in the County of Middlesex, of poor but honest parents, who put him apprentice to Mr. Ford a shoe-maker, with whom he served his time faithfully and honestly, and followed his trade for some years, but had committed several robberies on the highway, and keeping lewd women's company which brought him to his untimely end. At the place of execution he pray'd and desired all young men to take warning by him and not keep bad company.

About 7 o'clock they went up to chapel and read prayers with the Ordinary, afterwards had their irons

knock'd off; and about 9 o'clock they were brought out of Newgate, when Peter Weldon was put into the Sledge, and Bell into a cart and convey'd to Tyburn.

The following letter Weldon, sent to his wife the day before his Execution.

DEAR WIFE,

*NEXT to my God my thoughts are on you, and I send these lines to comfort you and assure the World you was intirely ignorant of my proceedings in that wicked way of life, which has brought me to this shameful end, and I hope none will ever upbraide you, dear Wife make your constant prayers to God and he will help and comfort you in the time of your distress, and as I call on the Lord for forgiveness so I forgive my prosecutor and all mankind, and as my Lord and Saviour gave his precious blood for the redemption of Sinners, so do I hope for mercy.* P. Weldon.